Plans and Operations Center (EPOC)

(The EUCOM SJFHQ)

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USEUCOM C2 Concept Overview

USEUCOM conducts multiple, simultaneous, dissimilar

National Strategy assure, dissuade, deter, and defeat

HQ USEUCOM

Cmd Gp

EPOC

HQ USEUCOM J-Staff

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Service Task Force

Joint Functional Component

(Combined)Joint Task Force

C/JFSOCC

C/JFMCC

C/JFLCC

C/JFACC

MARFOR

AFFOR

NAVFOR

ARFOR

GEORGIA T&E (CT)
BALKAN CALM (Kosovo)
DELIBERATE FORCE (NATO in Bosnia)

C6F JFMCC EUR (OEF - CT)

ATLAS RESPONSE (FHA)
NOBLE ANVIL (Combat)
SHINING HOPE (FHA)

FHA NEO CM Peace Ops MIO CP/CT TMD MTW ALL

EPOC Mission Statement

The USEUCOM Plans and Operations Center, through a continuous synchronized interagency effort, conducts theater-wide operations, anticipates potential crisis situations, identifies effects-based solutions, and plans and directs multiple simultaneous or sequential operations in support of U.S. National policy and strategic objectives.

The "Main Things"

The EPOC must focus on:

1. Identifying emerging theater threats and opportunities
2. Conducting campaign, contingency and crisis planning
3. Integrating and coordinating interagency and coalition partners
4. Communicating the plan
5. Training warfighting staff
6. Executing operations

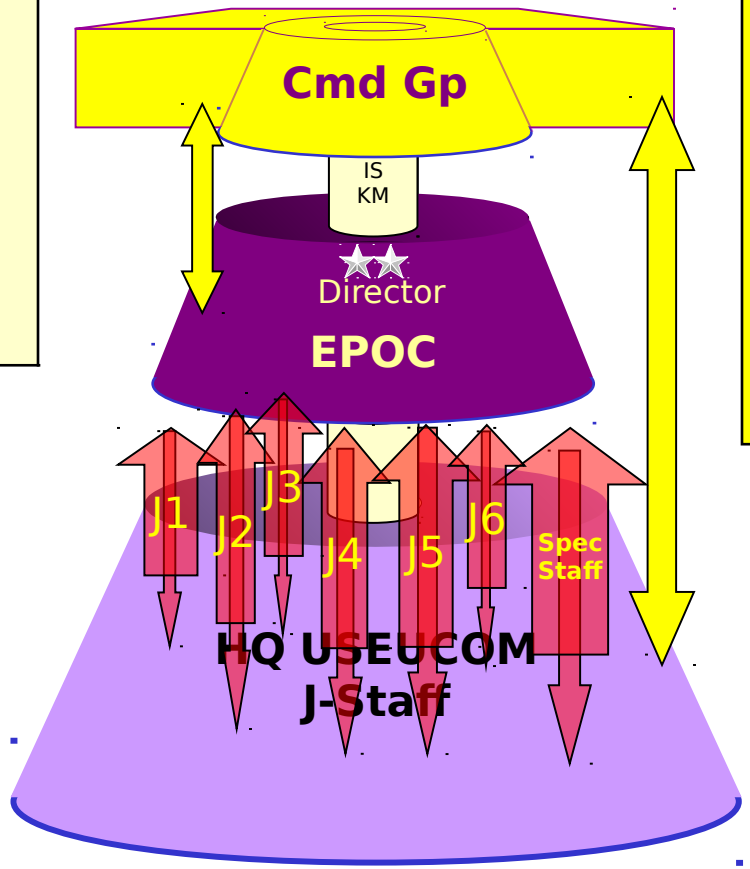
EPOC Attributes

- Full-time joint C2 element with a daily focus on warfighting
- Integrates cross-staff expertise to plan and conduct operations and joint headquarters exercises
- Utilizes networked knowledge and effects-based approach to plan and execute ops
- Capitalizes on synergy of co-location
- Expands capability through collaboration
- Enables fast, effective, and precise operations in coordination with governmental and non-governmental organizations, and coalition partners
- Provides the nucleus for surge to full-up battle staff
- Deploys elements as necessary (Joint Enabling Team- JET) to enable rapid establishment of subordinate joint force headquarters

EPOC Concept …
and the HQ USEUCOM Staff

Information Superiority (IS) and Knowledge Management (KM), enables decision superiority required to conduct effective knowledge-centric

The EPOC ensures rapid, decisive operations by providing a dedicated operationally-focused staff conducting effects-based operations, operational net assessment and crisis action planning out to two years. (Dissuade, Deter, Defeat)



Command Group – CDR, DCDR, CoS – with the Staff Directors, provides adaptive joint command and control (AJC2) by leveraging the

EPOC reaches back to HQUSEUCOM J-staff for functional expertise, additional resources and to assist with the operational enablers of assured access, rapid force deployment, agile sustainment operations and full-dimensional protection.

The HQ USEUCOM J-staff conducts all Regional Combatant Commander theater management functions, shapes the battlespace (assure, dissuade) and provides additional functional expertise for theater operations.

The EPOC

Operations Division
JOINT Operations Center
Current Actions
out to ~ 96 hours
(e.g. support to OIF, support to JET)

IS = *Information Superiority Team*
KM = *Knowledge Management Team*

Crisis Planning
Crisis Action Planning
96 hours out to 120 days
(e.g. Liberian OPT)

Contingency Planning
Crosses both planning horizons
(West African Neo OPT)

Campaign Planning
Operational Net Assessment and Campaign Planning
120 days out to two years
(e.g. CT OPT, 04 Olympics OPT)

“We must transform the way we fight”

- Need to better integrate and deploy combat organizations capable of rapid response to events that occur with little or no warning
- To be successful operations will demand a flexible, reliable and effective command & control architecture
- U.S. forces require the ability to communicate not only with one another, but also with other governmental agencies and allies and friends
- Such joint and multinational interoperability require forces that can immediately ‘plug’ into the joint battlefield operating systems

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